

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday June 30th 2002

Trip to Inishkea

The planned trip to the Inishkea south Island by Joe EI3IX has had to be again rescheduled for today, Sunday June 30th due to weather conditions.

The plan is to set up operation from the north square first (F52). Joe hopes to be on air by 1100 hrs. Dermot EI6DZ will also be making the trip, so F52 will remain on air for the duration. Joe will then head to the south square to activate F51 with a portable HF backpack compliments of EI6DZ along with VHF/UHF gear. To confirm that the trip is taking place, Joe can be contacted on 087-2381054.

Ring of Imaal walk

The Ring of Imaal walk, which was organised by An Oige, took place on Saturday 22nd of June. Starting in

Donard, County Wicklow, the walk covers 23 miles, and takes a wide sweep around the Glen of Imaal, including the high point of Lugnaquilla, the highest mountain in Leinster. At the request of An Oige, radio experimenters from the Dublin area provided emergency communications coverage. Six experimenters in all were involved, helping the walk headquarters to maintain an accurate picture of the location of all the walkers, and ensuring that no one went astray. Tom EI7HT manned the base station, while those on the mountains were Gerry EI0CH, Rod EI7DF, Shay EI6EMB, Ken EI6CRB and Joe EI7GY.

Blind and Disabled Group EI5HAM

Theory examinations took place at St. Joseph's School for Visually Impaired Boys on May 22nd and 3 members have been successful in obtaining the B license. The three are; John Doherty from Letterkenny, Michael Heapsy from Wexford and Bernard Reilly from Longford. This years success brings a total of 17 new calls tutored by John EI6HL for the Group. The Group gratefully acknowledge receipt of a Morse Code Tutor from Rob EI2IQ and 2 cassette Tape players from John EI9JG to assist the boys in learning the Code for the next stage of their license.

XE1/EI7GK

Paddy EI7GK will be QRV from his daughters' house in Mexico during July. Listen out for XE1/EI7GK on SSB on 14.268MHz, 18.115MHz and 21.317MHz and if conditions permit on 7.068MHz. He will be calling CQ for EI, GI and MI stations and will take part in the Irish hour on Sundays on 21.317MHz.

While Paddy is QRV from Mexico, Nuacht as Gaeilge will be read by EI6HY.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next committee meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 3rd of July at the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All committee members are asked to attend.

Cork City Gaol and Radio Museum

A permanent amateur radio station with the callsign EI0CRM has been set up in the Cork Radio Museum which is located at the Cork City Gaol Heritage Centre in Sundays Well. The station was set up and will be run by Larry O'Sullivan EI7FJB.

Cork City Gaol opened for business in 1824 and was used as a prison until 1923. When Radio Eireann was expanding in the mid 1920's the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, J.J. Walsh was a Bandon man, and it was decided to set up a broadcast station in Cork.

Broadcasting commenced in 1927 using the callsign 6CK and the studios, transmitter and aerials were all located within the old Cork City Gaol. National broadcasts were made for nearly two years but due to cutbacks programming was more or less confined to Sunday nights until the 1950's when the station moved to Union Quay in the City Centre. The broadcasting studios are fully restored and thanks to Paddy Clarke - broadcasting historian and RTE a fine display of radio artifacts from the earliest days are now on permanent display at the Cork Radio Museum.

The museum is open daily and is well worth a visit.

Slievenamon Perpetual 70cm Trophy 2002

The Slievenamon Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the station that achieves the

highest number of points in a 70cm's only competition.

Tipperary Amateur radio Group hopes that this award will in part encourage activity on the 70cm band throughout the month of July. The competition is to be restricted annually to all Sundays over the month of July and only FM simplex contacts are valid. Contacts can be made mobile, portable and stationary. This is an IRTS members only competition and standard competition logs are to be submitted to the IRTS Contest Manager ei2jc@hotmail.com before the 31st of August. For further details please e-mail TRG secretary at john.burke@honeywell.com.

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